

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 688 - HB 1375

March 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes requirement for teachers and principals to be licensed as a condition for employment. Authorizes any person with a bachelor's or graduate degree from an accredited college or university to be employed as a principal or teacher in any K-12 school or as a supervisor in a local education agency (LEA). State licensure shall no longer be a condition of employment as a principal, teacher, or supervisor in any LEA.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – \$850,000

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumption:

- Licensure will no longer be required. The state will decrease expenditures by eliminating the Department of Education's Office of Teacher Education and Accreditation which will eliminate 11 positions which are currently funded at \$850,000.
- The exact amount that LEAs spend on licensure-related activities and record keeping each year is unknown; however local expenditures are estimated to decrease in an amount exceeding \$100,000 statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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